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OFFICE OF AIR QUALITY PLANNING AND STANDARDS

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Ms. Nora Nealis Executive Director Neighborhood Cleaners Association 252 W. 29th Street New York, NY 10001

Dear Ms. Nealis:

Thank you for your letter dated April 11, 2002, in which you proposed guidance for perchloroethylene dry cleaners that are co-located with residences, schools, and child care centers. We will consider this proposal in our evaluation of potential non-regulatory approaches for obtaining risk reductions for co-located perchloroethylene dry cleaners. We will be gathering information and evaluating possible risk reduction approaches over the next 6-12 months. We appreciate your willingness to share data and provide input into this process, and we look forward to continuing to work with you on perchloroethylene dry cleaning issues.

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service and trust the information provided is helpful. If you have any questions about our plans, please contact Amy Vasu of my staff at (919) 541-0107 or me at (919) 541-5572.

Sincerely.

Sally L. Shaver

Director

Emission Standards Division